

No. 6546 六十四百五千六第 日九念月十年寅戊緒光 - HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 1878. 六拜禮 號二十二月壹十第 港香 [PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH]

INTIMATIONS

to MF. Nos. 381/2. Mr. W. R. Mansfield, 2 c
Wine, from Marseilles.
MF. Nos. 383/5. Mr. W. R. Mansfield, 3 c
Cognac, from Marseilles.
TH. Tan Sze, 4 packages Metal, from Bat
Hong Kong, 23rd November, 1878.

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POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

For Shanghai.—Per Menelaus, to-day, the
32nd instant, at 11 30 A.M.

For Ningpo and Shanghai.—Per *Amoy*, to-day, the 23rd instant, at 3.30 p.m.
For Saigon.—To-day, the 23rd instant, at 3.30 p.m.
For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Yessu*, to-day, the 23rd inst., at 5 p.m.
For Swatow.—To-day, the 23rd instant, at 5 p.m.

MAINS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet, the "AMAZONE" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 23th November, with Mails for Europe and through the United Kingdom and Enrop via Marseilles : to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galie, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seybolls, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to East Africa, St. Helena, and Ascension.

The following will be the hours of CLOSING the Mails, &c. :—

WEDNESDAY, 27th November,
5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

THURSDAY, 28th November;
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamp Register of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 13 cents extra postage, until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

The United States' Mail Packet "BELGIC" will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 3rd December, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will closed as follows:—
2 P.M. Registry of Letters closes.
2.30 P.M. Post Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents.

extra Postage, until the time of departure.
Correspondence for (Non-Union West India
(except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Vid
Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be se
by this route.

POSTAL NOTIFICATION.
General Post Office, Hongkong.
9th July, 1878.
SIR,—An impression seems to have got abroa

I have pointed out to the senders (who have been induced to redirect their letters for Marselles route) that this idea is most probable mistake. As, however, the French Post Office Agent whom I consulted could not speak positively on the point, I have the honour to request

information as to whether I am correct in sup-
posing that no tin would be gained by sending
correspondence or closed mails for London
Naples instead of to Marseilles—I have, &c.,
A. LISTER,
Postmaster General of Hongkong
J. Tilley, Esq. C.B. London.
General Post Office, London
4th September.
Sir.—In reply to your letter of the 9th Ju-

last, No. 478, I beg leave to inform you that the
advantage would certainly be gained by sending
the Naples, instead of *via* Marseilles, the mail
for England which you office make up for ex-
pense by French Packet.

In the ordinary course, these mails, if landed
at Naples, should reach London twelve hours
sooner than if carried on by the Packet to Marseilles.
Such being the case, I have to suggest
that the mails in question should be addressed

in future via Naples.—I am &c.,
EDW. H. REA,
The Postmaster-General, &c., Hongkong?
POST OFFICE NOTICE.
Mails for the United Kingdom, &c., by error
Packet.
Under instructions from the London P.
Office, the mails for the United Kingdom which
have hitherto been forwarded via Marseilles, will
henceforth be forwarded via Naples, as it

As it would be extremely inconvenient to divide the mail and no practical advantage would result from doing so, all correspondence intended for the United Kingdom by French Packet will sent via Naples, even though marked via Mediterranean.

Ac. can be forwarded only by British Packet. It can be forwarded also by French Packet, if so forwarded generally arrives a week earlier than if it had been detained for the British Mail.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General
General Post Office, Hongkong, Oct. 22, 1881

COMMUNICATION WITH BATAVIA.
The Netherlands India Packets leave Singapore fortnightly, and are fitted to the arrival of the outward P. & O. Mail from Europe.

The French Packets for Batavia wait
Singapore for the Packet from China, and
fortnightly.

It follows that, to forward Correspondence
to Batavia with the least delay, the following
are the best opportunities:—

In the S.W. Monsoon.
The English Mail.
The French Mail.

In the N.E. Monsoon,

A Private Steamer a few days before
English Mail.
The French Mail.

POSTAL NOTIFICATION.
Information having been received by His Excellency Governor Pope Hennessy, C.M.G. the entry of Canada on the 1st instant into General Postal Union, it is notified that from that date the postage to be charged on communications for Canada will be according to

rates in force for Union Countries generally,
 viz.:—Letter, per 6 oz., 12 Cents; or via
 Bristol, 16 Cents. Registration, 8 Cents;
 via Bristol, 8 Cents. Newspapers and
 Current, 2 Cents; or via Bristol, 4 Cents.
 Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 4 Cents; or
 Bristol, 6 Cents. All correspondence for Can-
 be sent via San Francisco unless specially
 wise directed.
 By Command,

J. M. PRICE, Acting Colonial Secretary
Colonial Secretary's Office.
Hongkong, 3rd July, 1878.

Many boxes of letters are received at the Office not sealed, that is to say, the boxes fastened with sealing wax, but there is no impression of a seal.

The attention of boxholders is called to necessity of carefully sealing such boxes with some recognisable seal, and of sending a c

The attention of owners, agents, and charterers of steamers is drawn to the provisions of the Post Office Ordinance, 1876, which comes in force on the 23rd instant.

Under the old Ordinance no notice was required of the departure of a vessel if not advertised, nor of departures for Canton or Macao. Notices are now required of any departure, though with regard to sailing ships, the old rule is practically remain in force, that notice need be sent unless asked for.

Section XXV. requires that the first notice be sent to the Post Office.

In the case of steamers plying regularly or

fixed days, notice of any change in the days of the hour will be sufficient.

Stamped correspondence may still be sent on board any vessel after the Mail is closed at the Post Office.

The Postmaster-General takes this opportunity of calling the attention of firms to the fact that any such words as Despatches will close at A.M., under the advertisement of a vessel, are illegal. Consignees' letters are exempted from passing through the Post Office, but

person is allowed to make collection of such
tors for transmission under a penalty of 2
per week during which the practice continued

all would have been massacred;" but the

all would have been massacred," but the 44th Regiment, headed by Major Timm, drove them off, and took up position on the commanding heights. At 10 o'clock, on a company of the 7th Maine Infantry beat back the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting. On this day Lady Start received a ball in her arm, and her son-in-law, Lieutenant Start, was mortally wounded. The enemy, emboldened by the fatigued and half-frozen condition of the troops, fired upon them from numerous points on the way; but still did not venture to meet them on equal terms. When darkness over 500 regular troops and 2,500 camp followers had fallen. Only three cannon loads of ammunition were now left and many of

the soldiers, armed with the almost useless "brown-Bass," had not a single cartridge in their pouches. Numbers perished that night from the frost. At daylight three-fourths of the fighting men pushed on without waiting for orders, accompanied by the camp followers. More than half were frost-bitten and wounded, however, and scarcely able to

put a foot to the ground. It was on this day (9th January), that the married officers, with their wives and children, were given up to Akbar Khan. Again the miserable army, greatly thinned in numbers halted for the night; and again the bitter blasts of winter did their work upon this wretched fringe. At

daylight there was the usual rush to the front of a mixed rabble of camp followers, Sepoys and Europeans, in one huge mass. Hundreds

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WOOLLEN GOODS.

blankets, 10 lbs., per pair

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PRODUCE, 100 lbs.	\$10.50 to 20.00	Per 0.
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HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

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